

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Pysher on 8/4/08.

The application has been amended as follows: the second instance of claim 53 is changed to claim 54.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 30-57 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose a combination of steps in a method of controlling setting-up a connection in a mobile communication system, including when a subscriber moves into a visited mobile radio network, the subscriber number profile is stored in a subscriber database, and a mobile switching center compares the call numbers from the subscriber number profile with a called party address for a call which is initiated by the subscriber and, when a call number matches a called party address, a connection is set up to a service control point which translates the called party address into a new called party address and sends the new called party address to the mobile switching center to set-up a connection, as in claim 30;

the prior art also fails to disclose a combination of elements in a mobile communication system for controlling a call connection, including control means for comparing call numbers from the subscriber number profile with a called party address sent by the mobile station, and for setting up a connection to a first service control point when the called party address matches a valid number in the subscriber number profile, and control means in the first service control point for translating the called party address into a new called party address and for sending the new called party address back to the mobile switching center for setting up a new call connection with the mobile station, as in claim 40.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Bhattacharya whose telephone number is (571)272-7917. The examiner can normally be reached on Weekdays, 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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